

The Georgia Board of Nursing met on January 15-17, 2003 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, in Conference Room 102, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2003**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jeanette Bernhardt, RN, Ph.D.  
Karen Coolidge, BS  
Linda Roberts-Betsch, RN, DSN, President  
Mildred Skipwith Drayton, RN, BS  
Marbury Stegall, RN, MN, CS

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Joan Darden, RN, Ph.D.  
Martha McGill, RN, BS, MBA, MHA, Vice-President

Dr. Linda Roberts-Betsch called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Board began reviewing the current Rules & Regulations to determine what changes need to be made.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2002**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jeanette Bernhardt, RN, Ph.D.  
Joan Darden, RN, Ph.D.  
Karen Coolidge, BS  
Martha McGill, RN, BS, MBA, MHA, Vice-President  
Linda Roberts-Betsch, RN, DSN, President  
Mildred Skipwith Drayton, RN, BS  
Marbury Stegall, RN, MN, CS

**STAFF PRESENT**

Deborah Beard, Compliance Manager  
Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director  
Monica Bridges-Roberts, Board Secretary  
Frank Brown, RN, BSN, CLC, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Ylice Crews, Administrative Assistant  
Julia Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Education Consultant  
Terry Grandison, JD, Director of Enforcements  
Kathy Harvey, Area Supervisor - Enforcements  
Janet Jackson, Esq., Assistant Attorney General  
Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, COHN-S, Nursing Practice Consultant

**VISITORS PRESENT (During Executive Session, visitors are excused unless scheduled for a personal appearance)**

PH	Personal Appearance
AP	Attorney for PH
RC	Personal Appearance
DM	Friend of RC – Personal Appearance
GK	Friend of RC – Personal Appearance

Dr. Roberts-Betsch called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 14-15, 2002 Board Meeting. Ms. Stegall moved to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Drayton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Stegall moved, Dr. Bernhardt seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A.43-1-2 (k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications and investigative reports. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Dr. Bernhardt, Ms. Coolidge, Dr. Darden, Ms. Skipwith Drayton, Ms. McGill, and Ms. Stegall.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Dr. Roberts-Betsch declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 5014 -1-et.seq.

## **DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

### **REQUEST TO LIFT LIMITATIONS**

Ms. Drayton moved to accept Ms. Stegall's report and recommendations as they pertain to the cases listed below. Ms. McGill seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

<b>Case No.</b>	<b>Recommended Action</b>
3801000241	Lift limitations
3801000204	Lift Limitations
3801970051	Hold for receipt of aftercare provider recommendations.

### **POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF CONSENT ORDER**

**3801990037** – Dr. Bernhardt moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order adding narcotic restrictions. Ms. Coolidge seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

### **POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF ORDER FOR MENTAL/PHYSICAL EVALUATION**

**3801020076** – Ms. Coolidge moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include actual suspension or voluntary surrender. Dr. Bernhardt seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**3801020038/3801020067** – Ms. Drayton moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order to include actual suspension or voluntary surrender. Dr. Bernhardt seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**88-85/91-84/3801940080/3801960057** – This case was placed on hold until the March meeting.

### **REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE**

**3801930145/3801970054** – Ms. Coolidge moved to write the applicant a letter requesting that she appear before the Board in May. The Board also requested that the RN bring her treatment records for review. Ms. Drayton seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**RN114006** – Ms. Drayton moved to send a letter to the applicant to have an outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Evaluation. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member for Disciplinary Action and the Nursing Consultant. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Agreement for Reinstatement. Dr. Bernhardt seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**3801980185/3801000208** – Ms. Drayton moved to deny Reinstatement of Licensure. The applicant may re-apply for reinstatement after six (6) months documented sobriety and release from incarceration. Dr. Bernhardt seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

### **RESTORATION**

**3801960018/3801000009** – Ms. Coolidge moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order for Restoration of License. Ms. Drayton seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

### **ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW**

**RNI030167** - Dr. Bernhardt moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an outpatient MPE utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member for Disciplinary Action and the Nursing Consultant. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Ms. Coolidge seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**RNI030168** – Ms. Coolidge moved to proceed with Licensure by Endorsement with a Letter of Concern being sent to the applicant. Dr. Bernhardt seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

### **RESOLUTION OF PRIOR PRESENTED CASE**

**3801010093** – Ms. Drayton moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Public Reprimand to include a continuing education course on standards of practice. Dr. Bernhardt seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**3801020087** – Dr. Bernhardt moved to deny the applicant's request for reinstatement. Ms. Drayton seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**3801020145** – Ms. Coolidge moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for Hearing or Consent Order for indefinite suspension or revocation of license. Ms. Drayton seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**3801000233/3801000030** – Dr. Bernhardt moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order for indefinite suspension. Ms. Coolidge seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**3801020005** – Ms. Coolidge moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an outpatient MPE utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member for Disciplinary Action and the Nursing Consultant. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Dr. Bernhardt seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**3801020037** - Ms. Drayton moved to write a letter to the individual stating that any representation of himself as a registered nurse would be deemed a violation of O.C.G.A. § 43-26-

10, and may result in legal action. Dr. Bernhardt seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**3801980029/3801010210/91-78** – Dr. Bernhardt moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an outpatient MPE utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member for Disciplinary Action and the Nursing Consultant. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. Ms. McGill seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**3801010098** – Ms. McGill moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern. Ms. Coolidge seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**3801000109** – Ms. McGill moved to reinstate RN's license with a Letter of Concern. Dr. Bernhardt seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**3801000162** – Ms. Drayton moved that upon request our office could release confidential information to her probation officer pursuant to O.C.G.A.: 43-1-19-(h)(2) which authorizes such release in the discretion of the Board. Dr. Bernhardt seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**3801010112** – Ms. Coolidge moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for revocation of licensure due to substandard care. Ms. Drayton seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

#### **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

**Harn, Jennifer, RN110909** – Dr. Bernhardt moved to accept the voluntary surrender of license. Ms. Coolidge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **ADDITIONAL CASES**

**RNI030169** - Ms. McGill moved to deny RN's request for endorsement. Ms. Drayton seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**3801980044** – Ms. Drayton moved to proceed with authorization with Letter of Concern. Ms. Coolidge seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

#### **INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS**

**RNI030066** – Ms. McGill moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern. Ms. Drayton seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**RNI020238** – Dr. Bernhardt moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Ms. McGill seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**RN02-0255** – Mrs. Coolidge moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order for revocation of license and peer review, if necessary. Ms. McGill seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**RNI020265** – Ms. Drayton moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to track legal probation. Dr. Bernhardt seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**RN02-0311** – Dr. Bernhardt moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Ms. Coolidge seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**3801020070** – Ms. Coolidge moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Dr. Bernhardt seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**380102-0088** – Dr. Bernhardt moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for Hearing or Consent Order. Ms. Drayton seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**380102-0112** – Dr. Bernhardt moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include indefinite suspension. The nurse may petition for reinstatement after documented compliance in an aftercare program and six (6) months of sobriety. Ms. Drayton seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**3801020114** – Dr. Bernhardt moved to notify Department of Human Resources and to refer to the proper legal authorities for criminal prosecution. Ms. Drayton seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**3801020131** – Dr. Bernhardt moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern. Ms. McGill seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**3801020157** – Ms. Coolidge moved to order nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member for disciplinary action and the Nursing Consultant. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Dr. Bernhardt seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**3801020222** – Dr. Bernhardt moved to order nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member for disciplinary action and the Nursing Consultant. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Ms. Coolidge seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**RNI020272** – Dr. Bernhardt moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Public Reprimand to include continuing education in standards of nursing administration and leadership. Ms. McGill seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**3801010244** – Dr. Bernhardt moved to order nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member for disciplinary action and the Nursing Consultant. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. In addition, this case will be referred to the Drugs & Narcotics Agency for Georgia. Ms. Coolidge seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**RNI1030008** – Ms. Coolidge moved to close the case. Ms. Drayton seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**RNI030038** – Ms. Drayton moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Ms. Coolidge seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**RNI030067** – Ms. McGill moved to close the case for lack of evidence. Dr. Bernhardt moved to second the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

**RNI020312** – Ms. Drayton moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Ms. Coolidge seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Stegall abstaining.

## **CONSENT AGREEMENT – ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE**

A Status and Activity Report was reviewed.

Dr. Bernhardt moved to accept Ms. Jackson’s report and her recommendation to adopt the following Consent Agreements/Orders as prepared by the Attorney General’s office. Ms. Drayton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Linder, Mary, RN021572**  
**Bateman, Ada, RN093399**  
**Barnes, Cynthia, RN068793**  
**Draggon, Marsha, RN079638**  
**Riley, Linda, RN126687**  
**Fowler, Daniel, RN101703**

**Lewis, Susan, RN142271**  
**3801020009/RNI030072**  
**Amerson, Beverly, RN111881**  
**Elstad, Jane, 091772**  
**Herrell, Nanette, RN070688**  
**RNI030112**

**Brown, Deborah, RN124863**  
**RNI059286/3801000283 – Pending receipt of original**

Dr. Bernhardt moved to accept Ms. Jackson’s report and recommendation to adopt the following Consent Agreements/Orders as prepared by the Attorney General’s office. Ms. Coolidge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Bowers, Teresa, RN101385**  
**McGie, Jane, RN054297**

**Hamilton, Michelle, RN117991**  
**Rodgers, Barbara, RN025550**

**Love, Rhonda, RN077117**

## **DECISION ON PERSONAL APPEARANCE – PH**

**RNI030049** – Dr. Bernhardt moved to accept the Private Consent Order and a fine of \$1,000.00 for unauthorized practice. In addition, the Board approved her authorization be retroactive from January 31, 1999 indicating no lapse in authorization. Ms. Drayton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **DECISION ON PERSONAL APPEARANCE – RC**

**3801980039** - Ms. Drayton moved to refer to the Attorney General’s office for a Consent order to include re-entry and supervised practice for two (2) years and substance abuse stipulations. Dr. Bernhardt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD REVIEW**

Ms. Stegall moved to accept Ms. McGill’s report concerning the following applications. Ms. Drayton seconded and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030173** – Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$1,000.00 for unlicensed practice extending over a year.

**RNIRNI030174** – Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$300.00 for unlicensed practice.

**RNI030197** – Write applicant a letter recommending she participate in a Board approved re-entry program. This would allow her to continue using the title RN. If applicant declines offer, the Board will re-review her case.

**RNI030198** – Approve licensure by Endorsement.

**RNI030199** – Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and fine of \$1,000 for unlicensed practice extending over one year.

**RNI020327** – Request that the Attorney General's office and Board staff send a letter in response to an e-mail received from the RN. The letter would uphold the previous Board decision denying the nurse the title "Nurse Practitioner" since she does not have the educational credentials to qualify her.

**RNI030100** – Granted waiver request.

### **CONSENT AGREEMENT - LEGAL SERVICES**

Ms. Stegall moved to accept Ms. McGill's report and her recommendations to adopt the Consent Agreements as prepared by Legal Services. Dr. Bernhardt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030081

RNI030083

### **INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATION APPLICANT**

**AC** - The Board reviewed the application for licensure by examination. Ms. Skipwith Drayton moved to notify AC that in order for her to be considered as a duly qualified applicant for license by examination, she must enroll in and pass a complete course (theoretical and clinical components) in maternal/infant nursing. This course must be undertaken at an approved nursing education program, which has criteria similar to, and no less stringent than, those established by the Georgia Board of Nursing. An official transcript documenting the passing of this course must be submitted directly to the Georgia Board of Nursing. [410-6-.02 (1), (2)(c)] Dr. Bernhardt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**DN** – The Board reviewed the application for licensure by examination. Ms. Stegall moved to notify DN that in order to be considered as a duly qualified applicant, she must enroll in and graduate from an approved nursing education program, leading to initial licensure as a first-level (registered) nurse, which meets criteria similar to, and no less stringent than, those established by the Georgia Board of Nursing. [410-6-.02 (1), (2)] Ms. Skipwith Drayton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**JS** – The Board reviewed the application for licensure by examination. Ms. Skipwith Drayton moved to notify JR that in order for him to be considered as a duly qualified candidate, he must enroll in and graduate from an approved nursing education program leading to initial licensure as a first-level (registered) nurse, which meets criteria similar to, and no less stringent than, those established by the Georgia Board of Nursing. [410-6-.02 (1),(2)] Ms. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **LICENSURE APPROVAL**

Ms. Stegall moved, Dr. Bernhardt seconded and the Board voted to **approve** applications for licensure and advanced practice authorization for the months of November and December who were determined, pursuant to Board approval guidelines, to have met licensure/authorization requirements. See attached reports.

### **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

**3801010182** – Dr. Bernhardt moved to accept the Voluntary Surrender. Ms. Coolidge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2002**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jeanette Bernhardt, RN, Ph.D.  
Martha McGill, RN, BS, MBA, MHA, Vice-President  
Mildred Skipwith Drayton, RN, BS  
Marbury Stegall, RN, MN, CS

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

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**STAFF PRESENT**

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Frank Brown, RN, BSN, CLC, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Ylice Crews, Administrative Assistant/Board Secretary  
Julia Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Education Consultant  
Janet Jackson, Esq., Assistant Attorney General  
Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, COHN-S, Nursing Practice Consultant

**VISITORS PRESENT (During Executive Session, visitors are excused)**

Lucille Wilson	Albany State University
Mollie B. Brown	Albany State University
Alya Wells	Albany State University
Alma Hall	Albany State University
Linda Grimsley	Albany State University
Freida Hill	Southwest Georgia Technical College
Annie McElroy	Southwest Georgia Technical College
Joy Conger	Southwest Georgia Technical College
Sheree Dickenson	Southwest Georgia Technical College
Linda L. Lett	Southwest Georgia Technical College
Sheryl Winn	Macon State College
Pam O'Neal	Macon State College
Barbara Frizzell	Macon State College
Lisa Robinson	West Central Technical College
Eileen Thrower	West Central Technical College
Ken Smith	West Central Technical College

Ms. McGill opened the meeting at 8:40 a.m. and welcomed all members present.

**SITE VISIT REPORTS**

**Albany State University**

The Board reviewed Albany State University's October 24–25, 2002 Site Visit Report. Dr. Bernhardt moved to accept the two (2) recommendations. Ms. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.



## **DEVELOPING PROGRAMS**

### **Southwest Georgia Technical College**

The Board reviewed Southwest Georgia Technical College's Report II, which was received in the Board office on December 11, 2002. Ms. Stegall moved that Initial Approval be granted to Southwest Georgia Technical College for the implementation of its Associate Degree Program in Nursing. Ms. Drayton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **ADVANCED PRACTICE COMMITTEE**

Ms. Stegall discussed with the Board some of the agenda items reviewed during the January Advanced Practice Committee Meeting. In addition, Ms. Stegall made the motion to appoint the following individuals to the APRN Committee:

Alice Loper, NP  
Marcia Younker, CNS/PMH  
Sheryl Winn, NP

Dr. Bernhardt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **REQUEST TO RECOGNIZE CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST AS DIABETES EDUCATORS**

The Board reviewed a request from Joyce E. Bohren, Executive Director of the National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators, asking that the Board approve them as a national certifying body. Ms. Stegall moved to accept a letter written by Katrina Martin, Nurse Practice Consultant, which states that the Board has decided to make no changes in recognition of certifying bodies for APRN's. Ms. Skipwith Drayton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **REVIEW OF PROCESSING GUIDELINES**

The Board reviewed the processing guidelines concerning completion/graduation of a RN educational program and how a license, temporary permit or provisional authority is issued. The Board moved that the degree conferred or certificate issued must be written on the transcript before any type of license or authorization is issued. Ms. Skipwith Drayton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **SITE VISIT REPORTS**

### **Medical College of Georgia**

The Board reviewed the Medical College of Georgia's November 4-6, 2002 Site Visit Report. Dr. Bernhardt moved to accept the nine (9) commendations and the five (5) recommendations. Ms. Skipwith Drayton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **SITE VISIT RESPONSES**

### **Darton College**

The Board reviewed Darton College's responses to the September 30 – October 1, 2002 site visit recommendations. Ms. Skipwith Drayton moved that based upon documentation of compliance with rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report, and an overall four-year (1998-2001) passing percentage of first-time NCLEX-RN writers of at least 80%

(87.9%), Full Approval is continued through December 31, 2007. [410-3-.02 (3)(a)] If no other reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled during the 2006-07 academic year. Ms. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **Columbus Technical College**

The Board reviewed Columbus Technical College's responses to the October 28-29, 2002 site visit recommendations. Ms. Stegall moved to accept the responses to the October 28-29, 2002 site visit report submitted by Columbus Technical College. [410-3-.10 (2)(b)] and to restore Initial Approval to the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Columbus Technical College [410-3-.02 (2)]. Ms. Skipwith Drayton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **DEVELOPING PROGRAMS**

### **Macon State College**

At its November 14-15, 2002 meeting, the Board of Nursing accepted the 24-month report for the development and implementation of a 2 + 2 RN-BSN Program submitted by Macon State College. [410-4-.01 (1)(a), (b)] It also accepted the revised timeline submitted by the College for the development of the program. [410-4-.01]. The Board received the 22-month report for review on December 11, 2002. Dr. Bernhardt moved to accept the 22-month report for the proposed 2+2 RN-BSN Program submitted by Macon State College. [410-4-.01 (2) (a), (b), (c), (d)] and based upon compliance with 410-4-.01 (1)(a), (1)(b), (2)(a), (2)(b), (2)(c), and (2)(d), Developmental Approval is granted to Macon State College for the development and implementation of a 2+2 RN-BSN Program. [410-3-.02(1)(a)] Ms. Skipwith Drayton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **West Central Technical College**

At its November 14-15, 2002 meeting, the board reviewed West Central Technical College's 24-month information for the development and implementation of an associate degree in nursing program. Ms. Stegall moved to notify West Central Technical College that until such time as the Board of Nursing grants any approval status for the proposed associate degree nursing program, it may not publicize approval. [410-3-.02]. In addition, in order for Developmental Approval to be considered, responses are required for the following:

- (a) Identify at least two (2) faculty members with the graduate nursing education and expertise necessary to develop all aspects of subsequent reports. [410-4-.01 (3); 410-3-.05]
- (b) Review and revise the degree to be awarded from an Associate of Applied Technology Degree to an Associate of Science in Nursing or an Associate Degree in Nursing. [410-3-.07 (2)]
- (c) Clarify the proposed admission date for the first class. [410-3-.07 (2)]
- (d) Clarify the placement of the nursing unit on the organization chart. [410-3-.03 (2)]
- (e) Provide an affidavit of approval of the proposed nursing education program by the highest governing body of the parent institution within one year of the date of submission of the application. [410-4-.02 (2)(b)]
- (f) Describe the exact funding to be provided by specific hospital partners and the time period and any conditions involved. [410-4-.01 (2)(c); 410-3-.03 (5)]
- (g) Describe the process of purging and upgrading print and non-print holdings in the libraries and provide the budget. [410-4-.01 (2)(c); 410-3-.03 (5); 410-3-.09 (1)(c)]
- (h) Review the capacity of the acute care practice settings to provide opportunities for students to engage in actual, interactive learning activities

consistent with goals in light of low censuses and affiliation with other programs. [410-4-.01 (2)(d); 410-3-.09 (2)]

Responses to the recommendations must be received in the Board office no later than February 11, 2003 for review at the Board's March 26-28, 2003 meeting. [410-3-.10 (2)(b)] Ms. Skipwith Drayton seconded the motion and it carried with Dr. Bernhardt abstaining.

### **Gwinnett Technical College**

At its July 18-19, 2002 meeting, the Georgia Board of Nursing reviewed 24-month application materials submitted by Gwinnett Technical College for an Associate Degree Nursing Program. At that time, the Board requested documented evidence of an educational need that could not be met by existing programs. [410-4-.01 (1)] On December 12, 2002, three (3) pages of additional information were submitted in support of the original application. After a review of the information, Ms. Stegall moved that Gwinnett Technical College must provide documented evidence of an educational need that could not be met by existing programs (Athens Technical College and Georgia Perimeter College). [410-4-.01 (1)]

### **FORM C – PRECEPTOR CERTIFICATION OF RE-ENTRY NURSE**

After a review of the form, Ms. Stegall moved to adopt the form with revisions. Once these changes have been accomplished and communicated, the Board will begin using Form C (see enclosure). Dr. Bernhardt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **PRACTICE QUESTION**

The Board reviewed a letter received from Monson Shuh, M.D., of Smooth Sensations, requesting an answer to the following questions:

1. What are Georgia statutes and regulations regarding operators of laser hair removal, laser vascular lesion removal, laser skin rejuvenation, microdermabrasion, sclerotherapy for varicose veins, chemical facial peel, Botox injections, and permanent make-up?
2. Can nurses perform any of these procedures?
3. If so, what type of nurses (i.e., registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and/or advanced registered nurse practitioners) can perform each of these treatments?
4. For physician supervision or direction, is the doctor required to be on premise during the procedure? If physician presence is mandatory, which procedures are included?

The Board reviewed and approved Ms. Martin's letter in response (see enclosure).

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Bond reviewed the following information with the Board:

- 1) NCSBN Mid-Year Meeting in Savannah. Ms. Bond will be finalizing the details and e-mailing them to all the Board Members.
- 2) Our office received a letter from the Georgia Nurses Association about assisting in the financing of a peer assistance program. A meeting was held with Cathy Cox, Secretary of State, Mollie Fleeman, Division Director, and Sandy Bond, Executive Director to discuss the feasibility of this.
- 3) Ms. Bond made the Board aware of the following budget changes:
  - (a) No pay increases for state employees.

- (b) Staff cut of 13 with a 1% budget cut
- 4) Renewals are currently being processed. At this time, due to a printing error, RN's are receiving multiple licenses. This is currently being corrected. In addition, the Board will probably receive numerous requests for \$20.00 refunds based on the November 30<sup>th</sup> early renewal date.

#### **PROLIFERATION OF NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

The Board discussed the proliferation of nursing education programs. Ms. Stegall and Dr. Bernhardt offered to draft a statement.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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Linda Roberts-Betsch, President

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Martha McGill, Vice-President

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Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director

These minutes were recorded by Ylice Crews, Administrative Assistant and approved on March 27, 2003.